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REGISTRATION DAY SUCCESS.

The road of using the steps which would place this country in the proper state of preparation for the coming schemes of an enemy nation has been emphasized for many months. It is not too much to say that the country is now in a better position than it has ever been in before. The attention which is needed in order to make the navy and army, and all branches of each, as efficient as they should be is being given. The country is also marshaling its industrial and agricultural forces as never before. In addition to sending a squadron of destroyers to fight the submarines, this country has dispatched an advance force of engineers to France and preparations are under way for sending several divisions of the army for service on the western battle front. This country understands that it is in the war, that it desires to do its part, that it is fighting for its rights and the freedom of the world and that it is going to furnish its quota of the money, men and material that is needed to bring the conflict to a quick and successful conclusion.

In connection therewith there was a grand display of patriotic sentiment and at the same time the realization of the real meaning of the part which this country is going to play in the war, in the way in which more than ten million young men of the best age best fitted for military service went to the polling places on registration day and participated in the first step towards the mobilization of the greatest army this country has ever raised. This serves to bring closer the actual meaning of the war but how solidly the country stands back of the government in this matter is the cause for widespread gratification. Loyalty was manifested from coast to coast and from border to border and it will continue to be displayed in each successive step.

NEEDLESS LOGS OF LIVESTOCK.

It doesn't require any extensive investigation to discover many ways in which the great amount of waste which occurs in this country every year, can be decreased. It will require attention to accomplish it but that must be expected for nothing is gained without effort, and it must be remembered that it is because of this very lack of effort and the failure to look after small things that a great proportion of the waste of the American people is made possible.

With this country, however, experiencing the abnormality of the war, for meat, and the regular announcement to the effect that the cattle raisers are not responding to the situation in a manner which keeps the supply up to the normal requirements to say nothing of taking care of the constantly increasing needs as the country grows and develops, it must be evident that every possible effort should be made to see that every waste in connection with the meat supply is checked.

That such is not done is disclosed by the report of the Illinois Central railroad to the effect that during a period of five years there have been killed on that railroad through carelessness 5,123 horses and mules, 16,121 cattle and 11,256 hogs. This of course doesn't represent a very extensive meat supply so far as the United States is concerned, but it must be remembered that this is the report of but one among many railroads of the country and if there is the same degree of carelessness along the lines of other roads a serious loss to the food supply is occasioned each year.

This is not attributable to the rail-

roads but to those along such lines of transportation who do not look after their property, or allow their livestock to roam at will and to trespass upon dangerous ground. Not all of the livestock animals would have been sent to the slaughterhouse, but if they had been a large loss could have been avoided. And while so much is being urged in behalf of conservation this latter ought to receive careful attention.

STRIKING AT THE BASES.

Some time ago the idea was advanced of attacking the bases of the German submarines for the purpose of securing better results in overcoming that menace to shipping which this menace has caused. The plan was apparently adopted in the attack which was made upon Zebruges by sea and air last month and followed up in the naval engagement in the North sea, where a German destroyer was lost, and in the bombardment of Ostend and the bombing of Bruges by airplanes.

It is in that end of Belgium that the Germans are nearest to Great Britain. The coast has been well fortified and both Zebruges and Ostend are convenient ports from which to launch not only squadrons of destroyers and airplanes, but they are handy as relief stations for the many submarines which Germany is utilizing. The new attention which the allies are directing to this coast gives indication that there is a determination to reduce the value of the points to the enemy as rapidly as possible, if even there is not a campaign underway for the purpose of driving the Germans back from the coast. The plan is to hold along the Belgian coast and thus eliminate the advantage which they now possess and reduce the danger which is bound to exist as long as vessels of the German navy have access to those ports.

It is no easy task which confronts the British in such an undertaking, but encouragement is lent thereto by the fact that the coast has been attained in that direction and such coupled with the renewal of the drive which is expected to materialize most of all in northern France ought to show the army and navy to cooperate in a movement which if carried out would be of vast and lasting importance.

PATIENT NORWAY.

How long Norway, and for that matter both of those countries which make up the Scandinavian peninsula, is going to stand for the wholesale destruction of its shipping, which is being carried on by the submarines, without showing resentment, is a matter which is interesting the neutral as well as the belligerent nations. During the past month there have been almost 50 Norwegian vessels sent to the bottom and 23 Norwegian submarines have been sunk. The result thereof, and yet that country has made no serious move to even break off relations with the imperial German government.

Norway is extensively engaged in shipping but with the loss of vessels aggregating over 75,000 tons in one month, which represents of course only a small part of the losses which have been experienced, that nation both before and since the unrestricted operations of the underwater boats went into effect, and the taking of almost one life a day, it can hardly be anticipated that that country is going to permit that to go on indefinitely without experiencing a decided change of attitude.

The idea that Norway would suffer no less if it was actually in the war is an insufficient argument to advance, for as long as it accepts existing conditions and does nothing whatever to insist upon respect for its rights, it cannot be interpreted other than as an acceptance of the justice of the German operations. The fact is that Norway would suffer no more and the probabilities are that it would experience less loss if it was actually working with the entente nations against the German policy. It is the fact that Norway would suffer no more and the probabilities are that it would experience less loss if it was actually working with the entente nations against the German policy. It is the fact that Norway would suffer no more and the probabilities are that it would experience less loss if it was actually working with the entente nations against the German policy.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Have you made arrangements to have a Liberty loan bond in your home?

The man on the corner says: These are the days when the robin is setting the proper example for the daylight saving plan.

The smoothness with which the registration day formalities passed off shows how thoroughly the nation is standing back of the government in the present crisis.

If the Copenhagen despatch is well founded on fact, Germany must keep its eyes on its ally Austria. Can Emperor Charles be serious ready to throw up the sponge?

Brazil stands by the United States in the state of war with Germany, and in doing so it adds new evidence to its stand for the united Americas and the upholding of the Monroe doctrine.

From the way in which Berlin is apologizing to Spain it has apparently reached the conclusion that every enemy which it makes proves just so much additional help for the entente nations.

What a mockery it is for the Kaiser to declare one day that all hospital ships will be sunk, and the next to proclaim that God is directing the success of his forces, on land and on sea.

Germany is now promising Spain for the loss of its ships and promising to salute the Spanish flag. All the time the German submarines will be lurking about ready to sink another.

Russia is going to listen to the advice of the American engineer in regard to its railroad problems. It will do well if it does likewise relative to the advice which the American commission will be prepared to offer concerning other things.

MOST REMARKABLE CURE

The fat man sighted the thin man in the far distance and sighed. Then he braced himself and prepared to sympathize.

"Well, bow are you, Charley?" the round man inquired as soon as they were within speaking distance. "Are you feeling any better these days?"

"Thank heaven!" shouted the fat man enthusiastically. "Geel! I thought I was in for your usual sob of woe over the remarkable antics of your well known stomach!"

"The thin man grinned. 'I made a tour of the specialists,' he said, hauling out a dandy black cigar, 'and wanted to kill at ten paces. 'First I tackled Dr. Kyelem, on the principle that I might as well know the worst from the best. By the time you've got through Dr. Kyelem's Gothic reception room with its expensive subdued tones, and his university frown and suspiciously having real brains he does his part so well. If I'm going to pay a lot to be cured I want it done artistically! When he got through with me Dr. Kyelem rebuked me sternly for bothering him. He said the assistant was plenty good enough for me!'

"One thing, Doctor," said I. 'I've been drinking two glasses of hot water every morning before breakfast. Is that all right?'

"Drink it cold," Dr. Kyelem shot at me reproachfully. "Good day!"

Well, I got out of there fast. After a while I began to worry. Maybe Dr. Kyelem was wrong for once. Maybe he really had something serious about the trouble with me. Anyhow it was safer to have another opinion, so I went to Dr. Quick's. The procedure was about the same, except that his reception room is Italian and the office is Greek. Dr. Quick pounded and pounded and frowned and sniffed over me and said "a-h-h-h," and straightened back in his chair with his

finger tips together and frowned the professional frown. He said I'd be all right if I followed a simple course of treatment, and I should not worry.

"By the way," I said, as I rose to go. "Is it all right to drink a couple of glasses of cold water before breakfast?"

"Dr. Quick looked exasperated. 'Why will people be so foolish?' he demanded of high heaven. 'Not worst thing possible! Drink three glasses of water not hot, but warm! You are neither to chill nor scorch your stomach! Good day!'

"I meditated when I reached the walk. The two physicians agreed on the following war strategy: I should get a third opinion. The more the better. I called on Dr. Hurry. He goes in for the austere and practical. He'd have a kitchen table in his reception room if his wife would let him, but he has built up a great reputation. People say there are no pills on Dr. Hurry and that he's all business! Dr. Hurry provokingly agreed with the other men. It was as though they had met previously and agreed on a course of procedure. Then I sprung my water conundrum.

"Dr. Hurry, 'Don't drink any! I do myself or choked to death from dryness. I was very blue. It seemed that I was doomed to a life of invalidism. I worried over the water question for a week, and then suddenly I remembered that I had been busy thinking about it that I hadn't had any time to think how my stomach was acting. Evidently it had been all right. Finally it dawned on me that there couldn't be a darned thing the matter with it except my own water drinking. I've been perfectly well ever after, thanks to Dr. Kyelem, Dr. Quick and Dr. Hurry, all of whom I have not seen since."

"Well, but how did you settle the water question?" demanded his interested friend.

The thin man laughed. "My wife settled that," he said. "She said, 'Arthur, Frederick, I don't care what I'm going to keep on trotting upstairs every morning of my life, carrying water to a perfectly well, busy man, you're mistaken! You eat your own water from now on! So, after that, of course, there was nothing to do but go without it entirely!'

"That's probably what cured you," the fat man remarked. "Wives are wonderful!"—Chicago News.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not Good Policy to Increase Taxes Unnecessarily.

Mr. Editor: As it will be impossible for me to attend the city meeting Friday night, there was one question in my letter of May 6 stated between the lines that might not be plain to anyone not acquainted with my objection in writing that letter. The question that I refer to, was why the finance committee increased the appropriation of the public works department, under the term of ordinary repairs and expenses, and how much that increase amounts to? Alderman Dolbear in his answer to my letter has answered as to the amount of increase by saying that it was to provide for the maintenance and expense of the teams used in the collection of garbage and ashes, and on account of the increased cost in these high price times.

Now in answer to that I would like to ask him if the maintenance of the same teams has not in the past always been paid for out of the items known as ordinary repairs and expenses? If it be so why have they not reduced the appropriation for ordinary repairs and expenses \$5,000 which is the same amount they have increased the estimate for collecting garbage and ashes, as it is simply a transfer from one account to another? The only reason that I can see or have been shown for increasing the appropriation for ordinary repairs and expenses in that department to \$22,600 (which is \$2,000 more than it ever was before) must be to pay the \$2,000 extra paid for the city surveying last year. Therefore I hope that some taxpayer or citizen, at Friday night's city meeting will offer an amendment to the estimate of \$22,000 for ordinary repairs and expenses so that the amount appropriated will be for \$22,000, which will then be \$500 more in the two above accounts than they were ever before. The surveying was in the two above items amount to \$2,500 which is more than one-half the extra paid for the city surveying last year.

I therefore think if it costs the city so much more on account of high prices at the present time, that this

HOME GARDENS

Late Planting.

"Let me suggest that every one who creates or cultivates a garden helps, and greatly, to solve the problem of the feeding of the nations."—President Wilson.

Don't be afraid to plant a garden because it is growing a bit in the season, advises today's bulletin from the National Emergency Food Garden Commission of Washington which is cooperating with this paper in the nationwide food garden campaign.

This year particularly, when a late cold spring has held back the season, new gardens will be planted well along into the summer. In most localities successful gardens may be planted as late as July 15. Talking the country as a whole, the average garden planting date is probably not before May 1, and this year it may be as late as May 15.

The only thing to avoid in late gardens is the planting of crops which mature best in cold weather. Lettuce and spinach, for instance, do not like hot weather. But fortunately those plants which do combine hot weather are the ones which usually produce vegetables which will store well. The most valuable war garden will be those which do yield storable food.

The late spring garden will miss only a few things. While it should not contain leaf or head lettuce, it will grow the satisfactory substitute, romaine lettuce, especially with shading. It will not produce good spinach, but the substitute Swiss chard or collards will do well in hot weather. Of the root crops radishes alone should not be substituted. Sweet peas, turnips, which are short season spring crop, may also be planted in summer

for maturity in late fall. Peas are a late spring crop only.

Suitable vegetables for late gardens are: late cabbage, cauliflower, beets, carrots, vegetable oysters, parsley, endive, onions for storage, leeks, potatoes, dried chard, beans, corn, okra, muskmelons and all vine crops, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, and sweet potatoes. The last four named requiring transplanting.

THE WAR PRIMER

By National Geographic Society.

Brazil's Army and Navy—Brazil's

break with Germany gives timely interest to the following war geography bulletin issued by the National Geographic Society from its headquarters in Washington.

"Should Brazil, like the United States, be forced into war with Germany her peace-time nucleus of an army (25,000 men) will be supplemented by a well equipped and thoroughly trained police force of 20,000 men equipped for military service. The strength of the South American republic's reserve army is in excess of half a million men, while the total available unorganized strength of the nation is 4,300,000 from a population slightly less than one-fourth as large as that of the United States.

For nine years Brazil has had in force a universal military service law, every Brazilian between the ages of 21 and 45 being affected. The terms of service under this law require two years in the ranks, followed by seven years in the army reserve, seven years in the territorial army, and eight years in the national guard. Reservists called up for four weeks training annually and are given rifle practice once a month. The territorial army's training varies from two to four weeks a year.

"The total available unorganized military strength of Brazil exceeds by half a million men the total organized military strength of Italy at the time the latter country entered the world war. The war strength of the country is twice as great as that of Portugal, five times greater than that of Norway, exceeds that of Greece, of Serbia, and of Bulgaria. It reserves and regular army constitute a fighting force half as large as the total war strength of all the other countries of South America combined.

"The three A. B. C. powers have navies of appreciable strength. The personnel, officers and men of Brazil is equal to the combined strength of Chile and Argentina. The pride of the Brazilian navy are her two modern dreadnoughts of 19,000 tons displacement and with an armament of twelve 12-inch guns each. Contracts were made for the construction of the building of a super-dreadnought with 16-inch guns at the time the European war broke out. The naval construction yards of all the belligerent powers found their hands full supplying the needs of their own governments. Two old battleships of 18,000 tons displacement and two protected cruisers, of 3,500 tons displacement each, comprise the remainder of Brazil's major fighting ships, supplemented by five torpedo gunboats, ten Yarrow destroyers, four fast torpedo boats, four destroyers, a mine ship, and three submarines.

"The country has three naval arsenals—Rio de Janeiro, Para, and Lacerda de Matto Grosso, the last named a river arsenal.

"The infantry is equipped with Mauser rifles while the field and horse artillery use a Krupp gun. The military budget for 1915 amounted to \$35,000,000.

"If Brazil should be drawn into the war vortex it would mark the entry into the lists against autocracy of the third largest republic in the world, for in extent of territory the South American nation is exceeded only by Russia and the United States, already engaged in the conflict. The republic of China, which is fourth in area, (Mongolia and Tibet not included), has already served diplomatic relations with the imperial German government.

"In studying the trend of events in Brazil it is interesting to note that one of the most significant movements during 1915 was the organization of the League in Favor of the Allies, formed by many of the leading men of the nation to express sympathy with France and her allies. At the close of the year was agitation for the taking over of all the German shipping in Brazilian ports."

OTHER VIEW POINTS

The proposed developments of the Department of Health will cost the city of New Haven between \$25,000 and \$30,000 in increased appropriations, somewhat less than five cents per capita. It is estimated by those who have studied the matter that at least 100 lives a year can be saved from preventable disease by this expenditure. This is a time for economy, but no economy is more vital

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That announcement from one section of the state, about 13 acres of corn rotting in the ground, is only one of the illustrations the farmer has to contend with. It is not all honey running a farm even when foodstuffs are soaring. In other words there is a ways a cause for high prices, and it usually dwindles down to supply and demand before it is over with.—Middletown Press.

Every fruit or vegetable, as it comes in season, may be put up in glass jars for future use. Many housekeepers will be surprised to find that they can "can" the fresh garden vegetables with ease, and using them later, have something superior to the ordinary commercial canned products—not to mention being less costly. The technique of home canning is easy. For those who plan to can on a large scale, some simple apparatus is necessary, but for the ordinary household a wash-boiler sufficient to take

a load of quart jars under water, is all that is required. The real secret of success in home canning, aside from strict attention to the simple rules, lies in watching the local markets for the time when various vegetables reach the height of the season, so that they may be at their best for quality and cheapest in price. The home will of course work chiefly for their own benefit, and will reap a good reward. But there is a patriotic side in this service, inasmuch as it means the preservation of a large quantity of perishable food material, and those who "can" when vegetables and fruits are plentiful will make corresponding less demands upon the food market later.—Bridgeport Telegram.

Says the Hartford Courant: "Governor Holcomb is Johnny-on-the-Spot if we may say so without being disrespectful." Of course you may. If there is one official in this state who is human and approachable and free from insolence or official haughtiness, it is Hon. Marcus H. Holcomb of Southington, who is governor of Connecticut. His good fortune in this critical period of the state's history is that William A. Buckingham directed things for eight years.—Bridgeport Post.

Doesn't Like the Taste.

The colonel is willing to take his medicine, but he refuses to admit that he likes the taste.—New York World.

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